

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A protective device for use in the protection of at least a portion of an elongated article, the protective device including a main body, first and second parts which are connectible together such that, in an assembled position the main body has a chamber therein, with opposed ends and a central longitudinal axis extending between the opposed ends, the first and second parts each having two longitudinal extending side edge portions which extend generally parallel with the longitudinal axis, are respective side edge portions of the first part being adapted to cooperate with respective side edge portions of the second part to connect the two parts together in the assembled position, said first and second parts overlapping when in the assembled position and being connected together by relative movement in the axial direction so as to adopt the assembled position, said first and second parts being partially circular when viewed in cross-section, the first part comprising a major segment of a circle and the second part forming a minor segment of a circle, and said side edge portions of the first or second part including a recessed section which substantially extends from one end thereof to the other for receiving the side edge portion of the other part.

2. **(Cancelled)**

3. **(Cancelled)**

4. **(Previously Presented)** A protective device according to claim 1 wherein when in the assembled position the main body is open at at least one end.

5. **(Previously Presented)** A protective device according to claim 1 wherein when in the assembled position the main body is open at both ends.

6. **(Previously Presented)** A protective device according to claim 1 wherein one of the ends of

the main body is belled for receiving the other end of an adjacent device.

7. **(Previously Presented)** A protective device according to claim 1 further including insulation on the internal surface of one or both parts of the main body.

8. **(Previously Presented)** A protective device according to claim 1 further including a locating element which projects from the inner wall of one of the two parts.

9. **(Currently Amended)** A protective device according to claim 1 wherein the main body of the device is formed from material known as reactive powder concrete or ultra high performance ~~fi~~bre fiber reinforced concrete.

10. **(Currently Amended)** A protective device according to claim ~~[[9]]~~ 1 wherein ~~the material is Ductal (trade mark)~~ the main body of the device is formed from material known as ultra high performance fiber reinforced concrete.

11. **(New)** A protective device according to claim 10 wherein the fiber is a high carbon metallic fiber.

12. **(New)** A protective device according to claim 10 wherein the fiber is a poly-vinyl alcohol fiber.